

FEBRUARY 2019 AWARDS MONTHLY

- 1. Bronze Wreath of Merit:** **Officer Jared M. Henry #2271**
Officer Christopher M. Ronen #2396
- Certificate of Commendation:** **Sergeant Jason R. Bartel #2501**
Sergeant Daniel B. Harty #1887
Detective Jamie P. Schepis #2227
Officer Cale P. Carson #2399
Officer Justin L. Rapp #2350
Officer Jamie L. Thompson #2353
- Commendatory Performance Report:**
Sergeant Roderick A. Miller #1968
Detective Kenneth E. Davis #1862

The abovementioned officers were nominated for their actions in response to the investigation of several robberies that occurred in December of 2018. During one robbery, a citizen who was armed with a concealed weapon, drew his weapon on the suspects and ordered them to the ground. One of the suspects turned and pointed their gun on the citizen and the two began exchanging gunfire. Two of the four suspects were shot during this exchange. The citizen was not hit by any gunfire. One of the suspects later died of his injuries at a local hospital.

Officers were sent to the hospital to attempt to identify the suspect after all attempts made from latent print lifts yielded no results. A photo was taken of the suspect and sent to the Violent Crime Community Response Team. An officer from this team was able to use social media to identify that suspect who had later died of his injuries.

Another officer obtained the video surveillance from the two robberies to determine the identity of the remaining suspects. Two of the three remaining were easier to identify as they had nothing covering their face. A detective met with the duty judge to obtain arrest warrants as well as search warrants for a residence where the fourth suspect was known to reside.

Officers spent several days and time off duty coordinating a way to make contact with two of the suspects in order to take them into custody. By using fake social media accounts, officers were able to convince one of the suspects into meeting to buy drugs. Officers set up on the house where the two suspects were known to be staying and waited for them to leave. Once it was determined that both suspects

were in the vehicle, a traffic stop was conducted and both suspects were taken into custody. A firearm was located in the vehicle that matched the description of what was used during the robbery. Officers also observed a bullet embedded into the hand of the other suspect, which was later recovered and submitted as evidence.

Using knowledge gained from investigating these suspects in the past and their involvement in gang activity, the fourth and final suspect was identified and located at a known address.

A sergeant took initiative to research stolen vehicles in the Wichita area that matched the description of the suspect vehicle and learned that the suspect vehicle was, in fact, stolen.

This investigation was extremely complex in nature and driven by expert knowledge of members of the Violent Crime Community Response Team. Their devotion, hard work, attention to detail and devotion to solve violent crime in the community lead to the identification and arrest of multiple violent offenders, who were charged with attempted murder, multiple counts of aggravated robbery, aggravated kidnapping and criminal possession of a firearm.